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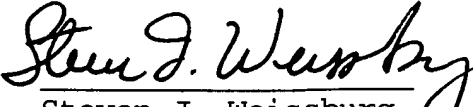
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The references on attached Form PT0/SB/08A which relate to the subject matter of the present invention are being brought to the attention of the Patent and Trademark Office pursuant to 37 CFR 1.56 and 1.98. This statement is being filed before the receipt of a first Office Action on the merits.

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U.S. Patent No. 6,596,224 B1, entitled JETTING LAYERS OF POWDER AND THE FORMATION OF FINE POWDER BEDS THEREBY, issued July 22, 2003, to Emanuel M. Sachs et al., based on PCT/US98/12280.

International Publication No. WO 98/56566, Published December 17, 1998, International Application No. PCT/US98/12280, International Filing Date June 12, 1998, entitled JETTING LAYERS OF POWDER AND THE FORMATION OF FINE POWDER BEDS THEREBY, Sachs et al.


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Applicants are of the opinion that the claims of the present application patentably distinguish over this art or any combination thereof.

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